

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2630 - SB 2593

February 19, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Extends, to include the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years, the period that: (1) the Commissioner of the Department of Education (DOE) is authorized to issue an endorsement exemption or a temporary permit to a teacher; and (2) a director of schools or a director of a public charter school who applies for an endorsement exemption or temporary permit for a person to teach shall certify to the Commissioner of DOE that the local education agency (LEA) or public charter school is unable to secure a qualified teacher for the course or subject area. Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to promulgate rules to create a teacher licensure exemption and an endorsement exemption under certain conditions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-5-106(g) currently authorizes the Commissioner of DOE to issue an endorsement exemption or a temporary permit to a teacher for only the 2021-22 school year. The proposed legislation will extend that authority for two additional school years.
- DOE will be able to continue to comply with current law and the extension during which the Commissioner may issue endorsement exemptions and temporary permits within existing resources.
- SBE will be able to promulgate rules to create a teacher licensure exemption and an endorsement exemption in event that an LEA or public charter school is unable to secure a qualified teacher with a valid license for the vacancy that exists due to a state of emergency issued by the Governor during the normal course of business.
- Any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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